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Sir:

Applicants herewith submit an Information Disclosure Statement for the above-identified application.

Documents relating to the above-identified application are submitted herewith. These documents are intended for the Examiner's information and for citation with the instant case. This submission does not constitute either a representation that a thorough search has been made or an admission that the documents cited herein are properly citable against the above-identified application. An attached PTO Form 1449 lists all the documents.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 12-1155, including all required fees under: 37 C.F.R. §1.16; 37 C.F.R. §1.17; 37 C.F.R. §1.18; 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS

		<u>International Search Report PCT/EP2004/011418, mailed 16 March, 2005, 4 pp.</u>

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